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SUBJECT: MEA LEASES THIRD B-747 TO SAUDIA

REF: BEIRUT 4439

1. MEA PRESIDENT ASAD NASR TOLD ECONOFF AUGUST 14
THAT MEA IS THIS WEEK NEGOTIATING TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT
REACHED AUGUST 3 TO WET-LEASE MEA'S THIRD B-747
TO SAUDIA. LEASE IS TO COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 78 AND EXPIRE
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH LEASES OTHER TWO MEA JUMBOS IN MAY
1981.

2. LEASE REDUCES MEA'S CAPACITY AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL
IN LIGHT DETERIORATING MEA PROFITS. MEA IS LOSING
APPROX LL 7 MILLION PER MONTH AT PRESENT. LEASE WILL
REDUCE LOSS TO LL 3-4 MILLION IF SECURITY/TRAFFIC
CONDITIONS DO NOT WORSEN. AS THINGS STAND, MEA
WILL DO WELL TO BREAK EVEN FOR THE YEAR. WHILE
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SOME PLANNING FOR FLEET RENEWAL GOES FORWARD,
PRESSURE TO BUY AIRCRAFT SUCH AS A-300 AIRBUS TO
HANDLE TRAFFIC EXPANSION HAS OBVIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.
IN ASAD NASR'S WORDS, PROBLEM NOW IS TO SAFEGUARD MEA
LIVES AND PROPOERTY, CONTINUE SERVICE AT PRESENT
LEVELS, AND AVOID A YEAR-END LOSS IF POSSIBLE.

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